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Miami Beach Bicycle Summits will Focus on Alternative Transportation -- The Atlantic Greenway Network Master Plan May Expand Bike-Friendly Programs --

Miami Beach, FL – The City of Miami Beach will be hosting two (2) public summits to discuss the city's efforts to update the adopted <u>Atlantic Greenway Network</u> (AGN) Master Plan. The summits will focus on obtaining input from Miami Beach residents on the bicycle component of the adopted AGN Master Plan in order to assist the city in updating the plan.

Summit 1

Tuesday, June 5, 2012 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. North Shore Park and Youth Center, 501 72 Street

Summit 2

Thursday, June 7, 2012 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. City Hall Garage Building, 1755 Meridian Avenue, third floor conference room

The City anticipates hosting a third citywide public summit in summer 2012 to present the findings and recommendations of the June summits and a draft of the City's AGN Master Plan update. The AGN Master Plan, like most master plans, was intended to be a visionary and dynamic plan that evolves as the city changes. As such, the City's Transportation Division is in the process of updating the current AGN Plan.

On October 17, 2007, the Miami Beach City Commission adopted the Atlantic Greenway Network (AGN) Master Plan. The goal of the AGN master plan was two-fold: to create a safe and continuous multimodal network along the city's streets, beachwalks, and greenways allowing for alternative transportation and community enhancement in the city; and to provide connectivity with the county's and state's regional bicycle network.

As a result of the AGN Master Plan, the City of Miami Beach has recently constructed over 15 miles of new bicycle facilities, including Beachwalks, and installed numerous bicycle racks throughout the city. In 2011, the City, in partnership with DecoBike, launched the city's first bicycle-sharing program. DecoBike has proven to be successful in promoting bicycles as a safe and sustainable mode of transportation throughout the city for residents and visitors.

For more information, contact Jose R Gonzalez, P.E., transportation manager, 305.673.7080.

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